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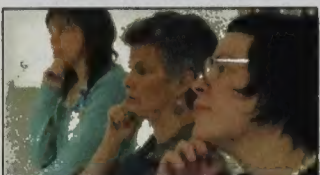
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Students hoping for a short strike

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times Staff

On the first day of a province-wide faculty strike, students at the Haliburton campus of Fleming College were using their unexpected free time to work in their studios or get caught up on

assignments.

By keeping busy, they were also keeping their anxiety at bay.

"I'm just worried about my placement," says Karen Mogg, one of three eco-tourism students – out of a class of 13 – who came to school on Tuesday, the day that the faculty's union put a strike

vote into action.

Mogg is slated to begin a work placement in British Columbia on May 1. School was supposed to end on April 22 but if the classes have to be extended to make up for time lost to the strike, she wonders if she'll be able to show up for her first day of work.

"If it goes past two weeks it will be a problem for everyone," says fellow eco-tourism student Rob Wright of North Bay. "If they keep it to two weeks, it will be solveable."

Down the other wing of the college, students in the intensive 14-

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Minden pilot killed in crash

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times Staff

Keith MacKenzie was a young man who liked to live life big.

Only 29 years old, he had already sailed the waters around England, skied some of the more challenging mountains and jumped out of planes as a skydiver.

On Sunday, March 5, he was killed when the helicopter he was learning how to fly crashed into the side of a cliff in New Zealand.

"He valued a challenge," says his friend from his days at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, Luke Talaba. "He was always involved in some big, ambitious thing. There was a side of him that loved adventure."

MacKenzie and Talaba met "warming up" the benches next to the high school's soccer field. "Keith was extremely athletic but we were both bad at soccer," Talaba says.

While Talaba was shy, MacKenzie was outgoing, getting involved in many school activities, finding one of his true loves behind the scenes with the theatre group. After high school he went to Ryerson University to study theatre, specializing in lighting.

But while he loved the theatre, he was not enamoured with city life. "I don't think he ever really enjoyed the city," Talaba says. "He said that the first thing he wanted to do when he got home [to Minden] was climb a tree."

MacKenzie lived in British Columbia for a while before

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Keen eye, steady hand

Alexander Casper focuses on throwing her rock straight and true during the weekly youth curling sessions at the Minden Curling Club. More photos on page 12.

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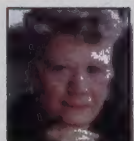
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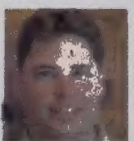
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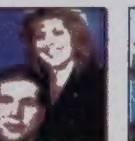
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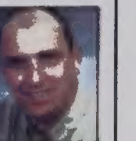
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February brought snow and a return to typical winter

by PHIL GRAHAM
Special to The Times

February was a short month but it had lots of weather. The first week was an extension of January weather, mild and sloppy.

The next two weeks saw snow every day or night. The last few days had typical winter conditions, sunny and cool, and continued into March.

The average temperature at -8.7 was colder than January's and about the same as last February.

Precipitation was much higher than last February at 128.8 mm. Last February was 78 mm.

Trivia:

On February 28, 1959, a heavy snow storm caused roofs to collapse, at Listowel with eight lives lost. At Hanover a barn roof collapsed and killed 15,000 turkeys. At Huntsville, the curling rink collapsed, killing three and injured eight.

Average High: -3.1°C, 26.4°F

Average Low: -14.3°C, 6.2°F

Average for the month: -8.7°C, 16.3°F

Average for last February: -10.3°C, 13.4°F

Highest Temperature February 23: 4.0°C, 39.0°F

Lowest Temperature February 27: -30.5°C, -23.0°F

Rain: 37.8 mm, 1.4 inches

Snow: 83 cm, 32.6 inches

Total Precipitation: 128.8 mm, 50.7 inches

Total Precip. for last February: 78.0 mm, 3.0 inches

Days mostly sunny: 9

Days with rain or snow: 20

Days with thunderstorms: 0

Snow on ground Feb. 28: 62 cm, 24.4 inches

Snow on ground last Feb.: 35 cm, 13.7 inches

Total snowfall Nov. 1 to Feb. 28: 225 cm, 88.5 inches

Days with freezing rain: 2



Martha Perkins/TIMES

A winning sound

After missing a lot of practices because of cancelled school buses, last week's performance by the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School jazz band was both a good opportunity to practise and to display to the audience why the band has earned a berth at the upcoming national competition in Ottawa. The jazz band, including saxophonist Sarah McMaster, and the smaller improv band, will be going note for note with other schools from across Canada. Students are still fundraising for the trip. Donations can be made at the high school.

Keith MacKenzie lured by New Zealand's outdoor life

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going to New Zealand. He was on a temporary visa and had to return to Canada but soon figured out a way to return to the land of mountain and beaches, snow and surf.

"New Zealand is a country of contrasts," Talaba says, and MacKenzie loved the myriad of ways available to get out to enjoy it.

Associated Press says the accident happened in Mount Aspiring National Park in southern New Zealand near Wanaka, which is a farming and resort town.

MacKenzie was working there to get his commercial

helicopter pilot rating.

He was flying with a 61-year-old American man when the helicopter crashed into steep terrain.

AP says, "Det. Derek Shaw said it had been a 'high-impact crash' that spread debris about 100 metres down the steep slope and sparked a fire."

The police and aircraft accident inspectors are trying to determine the cause of the accident.

Keith was the oldest son of Ron and Carol MacKenzie of Minden and the brother of Ian. As they said in his death notice, "Keith lived passionately and left us pursuing his dreams."

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MNR pulls 'bait and switch':

Algonquin Highlands
to rescind support for
Sunday gun hunting

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

Sunday gun hunting may be nothing more than a passing fad for Algonquin Highlands.

Following a decision by the Ministry of Natural Resources to allow Sunday gun hunting on Crown land in the township, council is withdrawing its support for Sunday gun hunting on private property.

Last spring, at the MNR's behest, council passed a resolution supporting Sunday gun hunting on private lands. Recently, Minister of Natural Resources David Ramsay announced that the practice would also be allowed on Crown land in those municipalities that approved Sunday gun hunting on private land.

"It's the old 'bait and switch'," said Deputy Reeve Tom Gardner. "If I had known it would have been wide open, I wouldn't have supported it."

In May of 2005, Algonquin Highlands, along with Dysart et al, supported a proposal by the MNR to allow Sunday gun hunting on private lands to help reduce the burgeoning deer herd and reduce vehicle-wildlife collisions.

Previously, Reeve Eleanor Harrison told The Times that she would not have supported the original proposal for private land had she known the MNR would expand Sunday gun hunting to Crown lands in those municipalities.

"When the MNR is going to ask you to approve something, then they need to be specific and they need to stay with what they ask you to approve," she added. "I think that they have now gone way beyond what the municipalities who did support them felt was their mandate. Allowing Sunday gun hunting on Crown lands makes it quite a bit different in scope."

For Algonquin Highlands council, the chief concern was users of the extensive network of trails, both on land and near water.

"I think Sunday is a day people feel safe on the trails," said Harrison. "It is a family day."

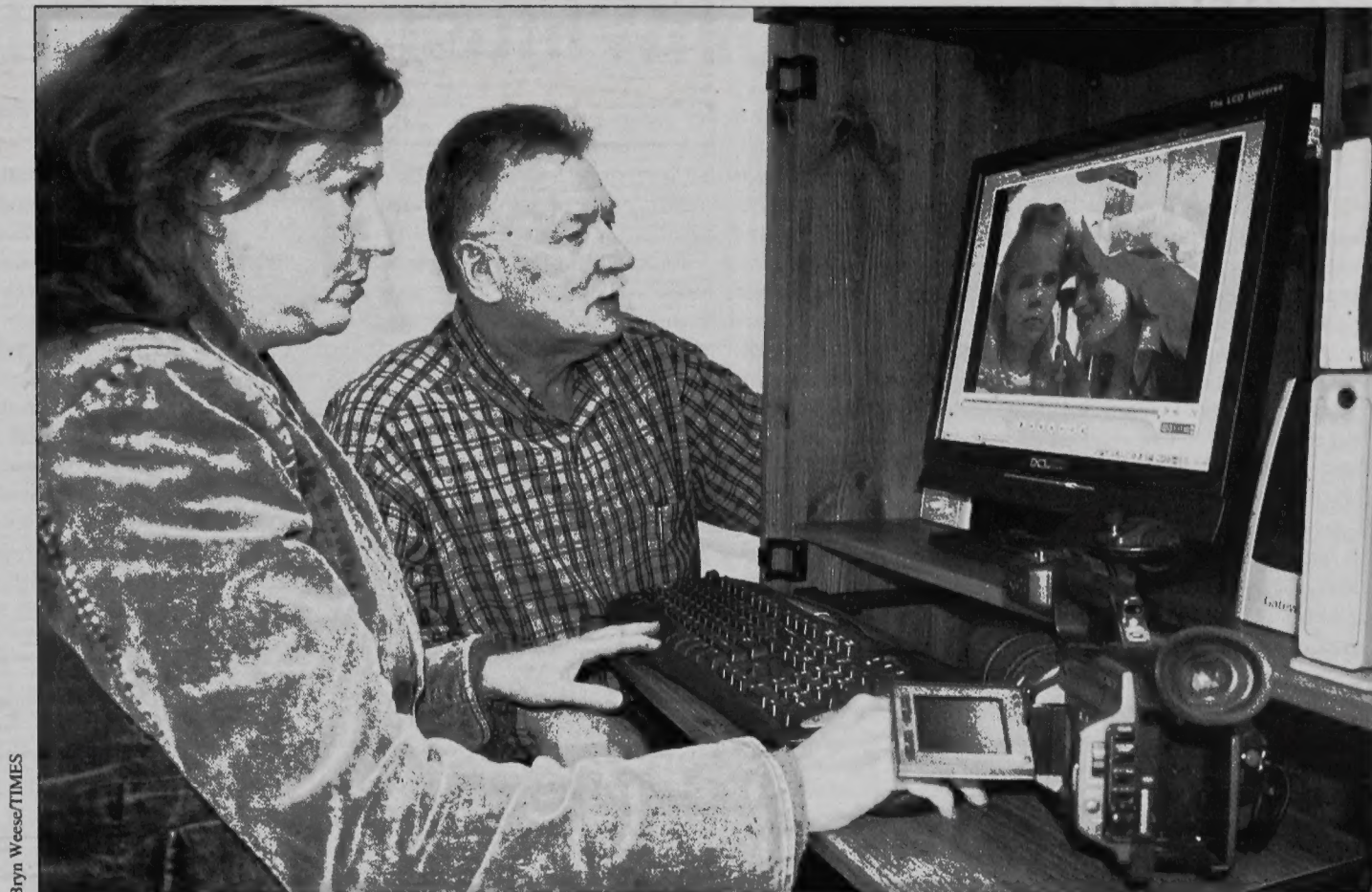
Councillor Diane Griffin, an avid hunter, added that she does not see Sunday gun hunting as a major issue for all hunters.

"At our camp, Sunday is clean-up day anyway," she said.

While the township has the right to refuse Sunday gun hunting on private lands, Crown land uses are exclusively the jurisdiction of the MNR. Only the Ministry has the right to approve or deny Sunday gun hunting on public lands. The MNR has said previously, however, that it would not interfere with municipal 'no discharge' bylaws.

At the time of print, the township had not heard from the MNR as to whether their request to be removed from the list of townships where Sunday gun hunting would be allowed on Crown land was approved. The letter, however, is important in and of itself, says Harrison.

"At least it will tell them our displeasure," she said.



Editing the eight-minute doctor recruitment video didn't take very long, but George Farrell (background) and Tammy Rea (foreground) had to make sure the video sold the Highlands effectively and had some shelf life. The film was edited at H2Media's editing booth at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.

A video is worth 1,000 reasons for doctor to practise here

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

The Haliburton Highlands Health Professionals Recruitment and Retention Committee has added another weapon to its arsenal in the battle to attract more doctors to the area. They have recently contracted H2Media, a new video and new media production committee in the county, to create a doctor recruitment video to be completed by the end of March.

"It is certainly a new medium for us to utilize," says Jim Mitchell, chairperson of the recruitment committee. "Primarily before we were advertising in medical journals. We've sponsored, with the help of the Rotary Club, the sign at Kawartha Dairy on the side of the highway in Minden and we participate in the recruitment tour in the fall."

"This is a new avenue that we are hoping to pursue," he adds. "It will be ideally a follow-up or an extra tool that we hand out when we get leads on doctors. Or if anybody phones and says 'Hey, tell us about Haliburton and what your facilities are like,' we'll tell them but also offer to send them the video as well."

The advantage of video, says George Farrell, the video's director and producer, is the interaction with the audience as well as the accessibility and power of moving images showing off the Highlands.

As H2Media's first-ever chairperson and editor of the video Tammy Rea says, "If a picture is worth a thousand words, then a moving, talking picture is worth how much more? A pamphlet looks like any other pamphlet."

The catalyst for making the video was a contest announced by the Rural Ontario Medical Program (ROMP) for doctor recruitment videos. The winner receives \$5,000 for doctor recruitment initiatives as well as having their entry shown at medical schools in Ontario.

"When we heard about the contest, we decided it might make some sense," says Mitchell. "Not only winning the contest, but when we finished the video, we could

use it as a recruiting tool both for our committee, for Haliburton Highlands Health Services, and for the Family Health Team.

"That's the whole intention. We're trying to kill two birds with one stone. We are putting the video together to compete in the competition, but the spin-off benefit for us is going to be another recruiting tool to add to our toolkit."

Farrell also realizes that the video needs to be around for a long time.

The video itself has a clearly defined focus that Farrell was always conscious of while shooting.

"The focus of the video is strictly to show young doctors, students and established doctors just what it is that we have here in the Haliburton Highlands in order for them to say, 'Wow, what a great place, I want to be a part of that team that's being set up there,'" says Farrell.

"What we are hoping to show," says Mitchell, "is that we are a vibrant lifestyle community that also has state-of-the-art medical facilities. We are also hoping to showcase the community – the schools, that sort of thing – because we are trying to attract people who are not just professionals; most of them come with a family. We want to make sure that people know that there are lots of activities, a great education system, great lifestyles, and reasonable real estate."

A key component to the video are several interviews with two young resident doctors, Dominic Krzczunowicz and Emily Kirby, who were recently interning here from the University of Ottawa. Both have become big fans of the area and, at present, are hoping to return as licensed doctors when they are done their education.

Both Farrell and Rea stress how important these two doctors, especially Dominic, are to the video.

"The enthusiasm he has for this county, which was unexpected to him, is amazing. It's like we paid someone to do this," says Rea, adding that the young doctor's enthusiasm for working in the county can only be conveyed through video. "He can

sum up in a few words and a few images what life is like here and what it is like to be a doctor in the county. It's a believable person. It's a doctor talking to doctors."

"Really what they are stressing is the lifestyle."

And what better way to complement the promotion of the Highlands lifestyle than with footage of what all four seasons have to offer? Despite being filmed in the winter, Farrell used his own previous footage from around the county in all four seasons.

But a well-composed video, even with all the right ingredients, still has to stand up to the final judgement – will it work?

Dr. Elena Mihai, a physician at the Kinmount Medical Centre, says "It certainly cannot hurt, but will it be the deciding factor, I don't know," she says. "Attracting doctors to rural areas is a very complex issue. Part of it is the isolation, the specialist's support, the lifestyle, even finding jobs for spouses is an issue."

"I know a lot of doctors who like coming to the area for the weekend, but would not want to practise here all the time. I'm a country girl and I enjoy the lifestyle and the nice, quiet communities."

Mihai admits that her coming to Kinmount was the result of a series of accidental events. After preparing herself for a long commute to Toronto's outskirts from her new dream home near Norland, she was driving through Kinmount one day and noticed a sign in town about raising money for a new medical centre.

"I looked into it and noticed a 'doctors wanted' sign on the building," she says. "After we got in touch with Mr. [Ted] Wilkes, I decided to make the change."

While Mihai stresses the importance of targeting doctors who want to relocate to rural communities, she does acknowledge that campaigns like the new video do work, she herself being 'recruited' by a sign in Kinmount.

H2Media's video is slated to be finished by early April. The contest requires that the video be between two and eight minutes in length. The HHHS video will likely be closer to the latter.

No boathouses for White Lake; residents pleased

by BOB HUGHES
Special to The Times

Concerned that a proposed large-size boathouse might bring other requests, a delegation representing 39 White Lake property owners asked Galway-Cavendish and Harvey council to provide bylaw protection against lakeside development within the 22-metre lakeside buffer zone.

More specifically, representatives Andy Jackson and Wilf Loewigkeit requested that a pre-1999 amalgamation Galway-Cavendish Township bylaw be reinstated. It says that an area subdivision covering 30 lots disallows boathouses within the zone, although inland facilities accessed by haul slips are allowed.

As reported in the Times, neighbouring Minden Hills in Haliburton County recently decided to include a provision disallowing boathouses in its upcoming revised Zoning Bylaw.

The delegation represents 39 of the 49 property owners, or 80 per cent, with no replies received from the other 10. The local ratepayers association will not meet until the summer, making it necessary for the group to bring the matter to council now.

In the end, council unanimously agreed with the proposal, with Chief Building Official Dave Wellman indicating that a new bylaw specific to White Lake would have to be drawn up, since the previous bylaw covered all of Galway-Cavendish.

Because a very large number of property owners would have to be notified, Reeve Tom Flynn said, the process would involve writing the bylaw, notifying property owners within 400 feet of the lake, hosting a public meeting and a 20-day appeal period, all of which would take upward of two months.

Wellman also said that the proposed boathouse that had raised the concern probably would be built, given that its plans comply with township requirements. However, Jackson responded, the group has a letter from the Ministry of Natural Resources to the effect that the MNR is awaiting the council's decision before granting its approval of the project. He will provide the township with a copy

before council sets the process in motion.

Straddling the internal division between the Galway and Cavendish areas, with a small northern area within Haliburton County, White Lake is somewhat unique among GCH lakes in the area in not having waterside boathouses. Councillor-at-large and Kinmount resident Don LaCombe says Catchacoma, Crystal and Mississauga lakes have many established and recently-built boathouses.

This fact also answered a public gallery enquiry about having Crystal Lake included in any bylaw council might pass, in that such a move would delay the process and deny the White Lake community the requested speedy approval.

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\$914,000 cost of sewage facility shocks council

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

Jaws dropped around the Algonquin Highlands council table last week when the \$914,000 estimated cost of the hauled sewage treatment facility planned for the Maple Lake landfill site was revealed.

Thomas Grace of Grace and Associates, the environmental consultants contracted by council for the project, dropped the bomb when he said preliminary estimates put the project at nearly \$400,000 more than council had anticipated.

"It's certainly more than \$150,000 in septage lagoons," said Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison. "But we are trying to do what you, the public, asked us to do. You told us 'don't go cheap', and we're not."

"We've come this far, we've got to keep going," she said later in the meeting. "I don't know how you can give up at this point."

Harrison added that ratepayers had made it clear they wanted no effluent and that the enclosed sub-surface systems cost more money.

Initially, council had estimated the sewage treatment facility would cost \$573,750 with \$375,000 coming from the Canada-Ontario Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (COMRIF).

With or without the COMRIF money expected to be announced by early April, council unanimously supported Grace's recommendation to move ahead with the treatment facility. Moving ahead is especially important considering that Ministry of Environment (MOE) regulations to come into effect, in 2007 will prohibit the land application of untreated hauled sewage.

Of the three possible systems that fit within council's criteria, the treatment facility recommended by Grace is the Delta Whitewater sub-surface system. Using electricity, it circulates air into the facility that speeds up the treatment process. Based on estimated volumes, the system should be built large enough to accommodate 12,900,000 litres per year or 36,000 litres per day (on average).

The Whitewater facility, mostly buried underground,



Consultant Thomas Grace, seen here in a file photo, says the proposed system is virtually maintenance free. It does not require a licensed operator.

except for one building and a truck cleaning area, will produce virtually no odour. And, says Grace, of the available systems, the Delta Whitewater requires the least amount of maintenance, which partly accounts for the high cost. The other two systems, which require more maintenance, had projected costs of \$860,000 and \$782,000.

"It's as close to maintenance-free as this type of system can be," he said. "There is no need for a licensed operator at the site, nor staff."

Grace, who says he's worked with the Whitewater system before at golf courses and other private applications, though never for a municipality, said that the system is proven and that it may not be as expensive as is currently estimated.

He made special note of the fact that the \$914,000 is based on estimates only.

"The cost is all based on estimates because we are not

sure of volumes," he said. "We've purposely aimed high with our estimates because we don't want you to be caught short... These figures are for what I consider 'worst case scenarios'."

Despite the fact that the actual capital costs could come down as firm tenders are issued, there will still be a shortfall of several hundred thousand dollars more than council initially expected. Depending on the size of the system council builds, one funding option could be user-fees for sewage from other areas. Still, without government aid, funding will be a problem.

Councillor Jim Hicks asked where the money could come from if no government funds are available.

"We'd have to borrow," replied CAO Lorne Mitchell.

Without COMRIF monies or additional funds from the government, the township is looking at a \$715,250 shortfall. The estimated costs, however, are comprehensive and do calculate for things such as road work and site grading.

Having approved the project, there is no turning back and funding is now what the township needs to find.

SGS Lakefield Research consultant Heather Watson, who is the project manager for the treatment facility, recommended that council approach the MOE arguing that the facility is a pilot project that other municipalities could follow.

"You are the only municipality in the province that is doing this [a state-of-the-art treatment facility] at the moment," she said. "A lot of municipalities are where Algonquin Highlands was five years ago. They are all keeping an eye on Algonquin Highlands. It's environmentally the right thing to do. We are showing that there is a solution for rural municipalities."

Immediately following its approval of the Delta Whitewater system for \$914,000, council agreed to have staff draft a letter to the MOE requesting a meeting with the Minister of Environment, Laurel Broton, to discuss possible funding.

When approached by members of council and staff at the recent Ontario Good Roads Association conference in Toronto, Harrison said, the Minister seemed receptive to Algonquin Highlands' project and the cost dilemma.

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- Buying in bulk reduces packaging waste and cuts down on cost
- Use cloth rags for cleaning around the house instead of using disposable ones
- Buying refills (for example, shampoo, conditioner, liquid soap, etc.) whenever possible cuts packaging and cost

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- Use metal instead of plastic cutlery
- Use a lunch bag instead of a plastic or paper bag
- Reuse paper for notes instead of using new sticky notes
- Use an insulated reusable container instead of a drink box
- Use washable plates instead of paper, Styrofoam or plastic plates
- Print on both sides of computer paper (keep a container beside your desk for collecting reusable paper)
- Use a real glass instead of a paper, plastic or Styrofoam one
- Reuse coffee trays for coffee runs

Most Important

- Buy Recycled Products
- Buy Reusable Products
- Buy products with little packaging

By keeping these tips in mind in your household, workplace and everyday life, you can help make our planet a cleaner and healthier place for everyone now and for generations to come.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Life without Wal-marts

There is no doubt that life in the Highlands is an acquired taste, like anchovies or Alexander Keith's India Pale Ale ("Those who like it, like it a lot.")

But many others shy away from the snow, the bears and the isolation offered by Minden and its hinterland to the north. Many, in fact almost all, Canadians live in major urban centres with public transit, sushi bars and Wal-Marts on every corner.

It is therefore not surprising that certain services offered by the civilized world and the people who provide them have never ventured this far north and never plan to. Minden has no Wal-Mart. There are no sushi bars. And thumbing a ride down Highway 35 can hardly be considered public transit.

Mindenites and those from the surrounding area have learned to do without and those who can't do without make the weekly pilgrimage to Peterborough or Toronto or Bracebridge for the essentials (iPods, the latest movie or sushi).

It is sadly ironic that the area with the second highest percentage of senior residents cannot, despite their best efforts and their increasing need, attract doctors. Many people here in need of doctors will have to drive further and further afield to be treated.

The new Family Health Team will be a most welcome benefit for the vast majority of patients seeking treatment. Indeed, Haliburton County is already blessed with two state-of-the-art hospitals, a complete oddity among other towns the size of Minden and Haliburton.

But even if the Family Health Team is equipped with all the doctors it is seeking, there will still be a shortage in the county as a whole. The new health-care initiative will only ever be able to do so much. Even if doctors begin falling from the sky, they will one day retire or relocate and the area will once again be desperate to recruit general practitioners from an ever-fleeting, ever-shrinking pool as enrollments decline and health-care specialist numbers inflate accordingly.

The work of the doctor recruitment committees should be commended, for however doomed the doctor situation, there are doctors out there... somewhere... who would enjoy "practising where they play," however few. The new video, as Jim Mitchell says, will serve as another tool that may turn the tide for potential recruits and, as Dr. Elena Mihiu from Kinmount says, it can't hurt. Not one bit.

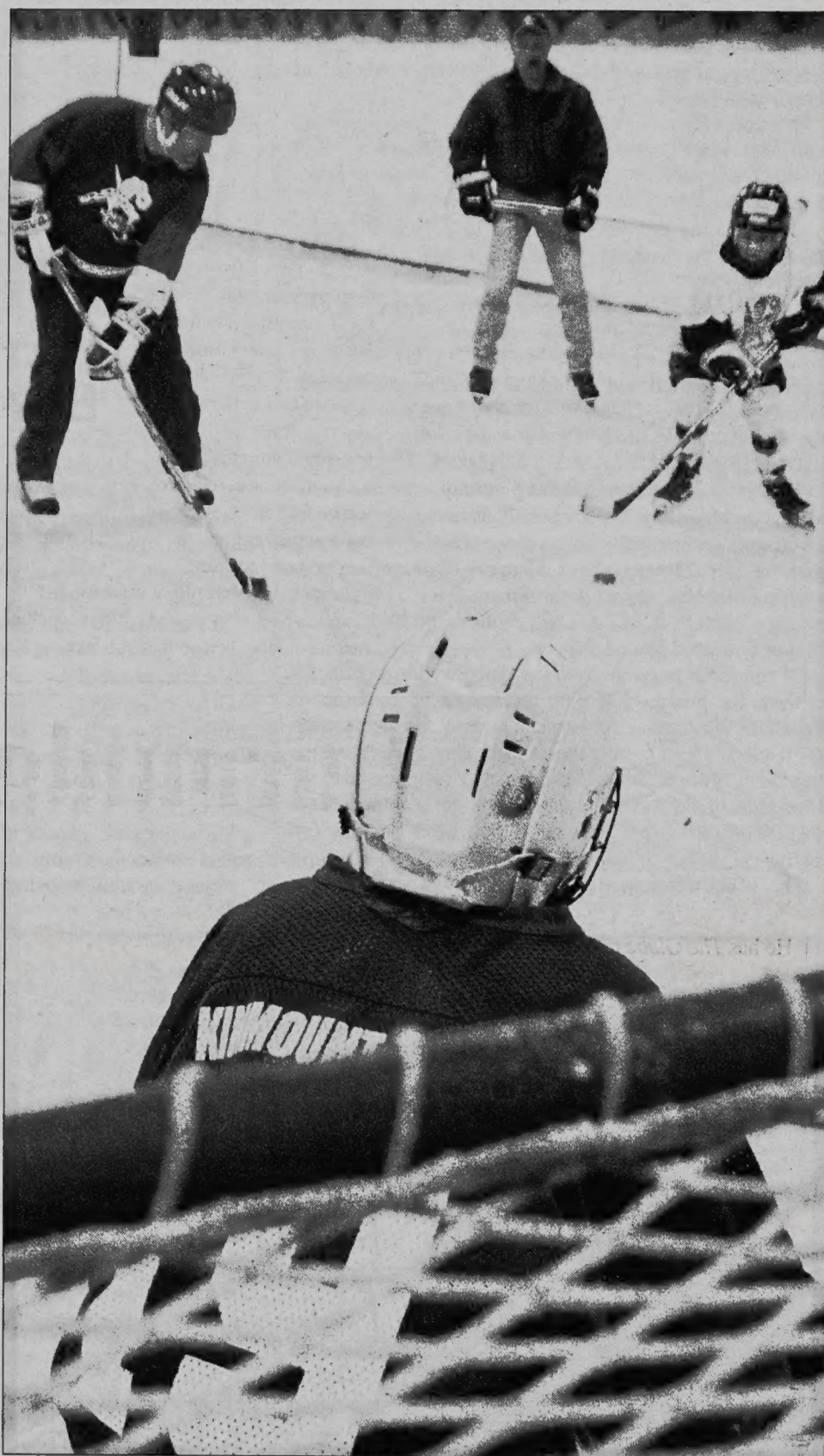
It is equally disconcerting that rural Ontario, which does without so much already, is expected to magically pluck money from thin air to comply with provincial sewage regulations that are about to cost a notably small, very rural municipality nearly \$1 million. That the township has to fight the provincial government for funding, tooth and nail, still with no guarantee, is risible.

Like the doctor shortage, there seems to be no real end in sight. By 2007, all municipalities in Ontario will no longer be able to willy-nilly spread human sewage on farm fields as fertilizer. But at what cost?

How long can areas like Minden, or more specifically townships like Minden Hills and Algonquin Highlands, cope with the downloading of once-provincial responsibilities without adequate increased provincial dollars and the perils of rural life without doctors before succumbing to Joey Smallwood-esque resettlements where services are cheaper to provide for the many and Wal-Marts sprout from the ground like weeds? There's already been one amalgamation. How many more are needed?

Life here has always been an acquired taste and it always will be. Nothing will ever deter the diehard fans of the Highlands, not even a weekly trip to Peterborough to the doctor, or more importantly, the Wal-mart.

- Bryn Weese



IMAGES OF THE HIGHLANDS

Hockey on Kinmount's natural ice.

Photo by Martha Perkins

TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Reader questions Sunday gun hunting with humour

To the Editor:

I recommend you consider the following parable as a warning against hunting on "The Lord's Day":

An atheist hunter was walking through the woods one day in Haliburton County, admiring all that evolution had created. "What majestic trees! What a powerful river! What beautiful animals!" he said to himself.

As he was walking alongside the river, he heard a rustling in the bushes behind him. Turning to look, he saw a bear beginning to

charge towards him. Startled, he dropped his gun and ran as fast as he could down the path. He looked over his shoulder and saw that the bear was rapidly closing in on him. Somehow, he ran even faster, so scared that tears came to his eyes. He looked again and the bear was even closer. His heart pounding in his chest, he tried to run faster yet. But alas, he tripped and fell to the ground. As he rolled over to pick himself up, the bear was

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IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Two dog night

Every now and then you hear about public health officials raiding a house and discovering that the owner lives with somewhere in the neighbourhood of three hundred cats. You never hear this sort of thing about dogs. There are very good reasons for this.

In my house, we have two dogs which, as any dog owner knows, is actually the rough equivalent of three hundred cats. The equivalency table goes something like this: one dog equals one cat; two dogs equal three hundred cats. Etc. It's exponential.

The sad thing is, no one ever tells you this as you are blissfully walking away with your second pup. That's because they have been living with six dogs and now look forward to living with five. Having five dogs, by the way is like living with a plague of hungry locusts - it's on an entirely different scale altogether.

Of course, these figures refer to dogs that live inside your house. If, for instance, you have two hounds that live outside the house, it is your neighbour who is living

with the equivalent of three hundred cats. You are just living with two hounds and a crabby neighbour.

To put this into practical terms, permit me to regale you with tales of the six minutes of sleep I enjoyed last night. I might have revelled in more had my springer spaniel and Labrador retriever heeded my suggestion to stay downstairs to drink beer, play cards, and break furniture in a friendly but robust brawl. Instead, however, they decided to come to bed with my wife and me. And since they are not stupid animals, this means they both realized it'd be far safer to sleep on my side of the bed - something, by the way, that took me several years to learn.

To me, one of the great mysteries of nature is how a 34-pound springer spaniel can unfold in a bed so that she takes up an

area that many adult giraffes couldn't fill; you double that for a Labrador retriever.

After much observation, I am fully convinced that dogs have special parts that only extract when they decide to lie down on your mattress and sleep. And I'm not talking about the parts they lick before bedtime either.

In any case, somewhere around three-thirty last night I found myself coiled up like a snake in the top left-hand corner of my mattress.

Unfortunately, the snoring roused me. This time, however, it was not my wife.

Rather, both dogs were in the midst of a contest to see who could saw logs the loudest. A side bet was to see which animal could touch my face with the most paws.

I sat up confronted by two malevolent eyes glowering at me in the darkness. It was my wife who promptly demanded that

I stop snoring.

I then shook both dogs awake and rearranged them so that I might have a sliver of mattress to stretch out on. Soon I found myself sleeping once again. That's when one of the pups decided that it needed to step outside to attend to business. For a brief moment I considered rousing my wife to escort the dog out. Then I remembered those eyes.

Minutes later, just as I hit the sack, the other dog required an escort, too. Once again, I considered the alternative and complied.

After that, I did get a minute or two of sleep when I suddenly realized that I, too, needed to appease the bladder gods. As I got up, both dogs gave me an unappreciative look that said, "I wish you'd stop waking us."

In the end, I decided to join the cat on the couch. Which makes sense since, with two dogs in your bed, the best you can really hope for is a catnap anyway.



BEYOND35

Steve Galea

Curmudgeons unite

Old Delahanty is holding the newspaper up before him, its pages spread out like a pair of wings. He has *The Globe and Mail* open at the Op-Ed page.

When he is done reading one man's opinion, he gives the newspaper a shake. He rattles the pages hard enough that all of the windows of the tearoom at the Sapsucker Arms rattle, too.

"If they ever set up a Hall of Fame for curmudgeons, Rex Murphy will be its first member," he says.

"And you will be the second," says the waitress Gretchen, who has just arrived to set out a platter of fresh gooseberry scones for Delahanty and his friend Fixx.

"Except Rex wouldn't let Delahanty in," Fixx says. "Rex would never belong to any club that had members born after 1800."

The two old fellows have come in from their cottages on Horned Grebe Lake for a mid-morning snack. The tearoom is otherwise empty except for the dog in the corner, so Gretchen sits down to join them.

The Brown Dog Jiggs, who has been warming himself by the tearoom's unlit fireplace, gets up and ambles over. He stands blinking in a sunbeam, waiting for the scone crumbs to start flying.

"Curmudgeon is too gentle a term," says Fixx. "I've seen the CBC organizational chart and there is a line in it that says: 'Misanthrope: Rex Murphy.'"

Gretchen butters a scone. "That's too harsh. He doesn't distrust or disrespect all of mankind, just anybody still living. And he always had a kind word for 17th Century composers."

Delahanty has stopped watching the CBC news just to avoid Rex Murphy and now he fears he will have to give up the *Saturday Globe and Mail* as well.

"Every time some celebrity adopts a cause, Rex tears into him," Delahanty says. "When Paul McCartney lay down on the ice and made goo-goo eyes at a baby seal, it was like a gift to Rex."

Fixx nods. "He even worked in Sean Penn's trip to Baghdad. He's used that so many times, he should be paying residuals."

Delahanty sets his newspaper down to free up both hands for the scones. "It is not that I like McCartney's music; I don't. And I disagree with him about the

seal hunt.

"But McCartney and Penn and Bono have a right to take public stands. We need them; sometimes it seems they're the only dissenting voices we have."

Gretchen is still thinking about the seals. "There is a rocky coast in South Africa where the young birds struggle with liftoff on their maiden flights and the seals swim through the surf and pick

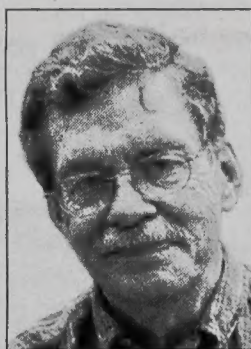
them off, tear them apart. McCartney should make goo-goo eyes at that."

"Neither McCartney nor the

seals are the point," says Fixx. "The point is that Murphy and his ilk think that the only voices worth hearing are theirs, that only those paid to think about public issues should be allowed to talk about them."

"When they say Penn's opinion is of no value because he is neither a diplomat nor a politician nor a journalist, they are saying that our opinions are of no value either."

Gretchen brushes crumbs off the table and drops them at The Brown Dog's feet. "The argument seems to be that enter-



BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

Not all hunters are good hunters

from page 6

right over him, reaching for him with its left paw and raising its right paw to strike him. He yelled out, "Oh, my God!"

Time stopped.

The bear froze.

The forest was silent.

Even the river stopped moving.

As a brilliant light shone upon the man, a thunderous voice came from all around.

God spoke: "You deny my existence for all these years, teach others that I don't exist and even credit creation to some cosmic

accident. Do you really expect me to help you out of this predicament? Am I to count you now as a believer?"

Difficult as it was, the atheist looked directly in to the light and said, "It would be hypocritical to ask to be a Christian after all these years, but perhaps you could make the bear a Christian?"

"Very well," said God.

The light went out... The river ran... The sounds of the forest resumed.

And the bear dropped down on his knees, brought both paws together, bowed his head and spoke: "Lord, thank you for this food

which I am about to receive. Amen."

Beyond bears and atheists, there is a plethora of real-life stories regarding hunters who cannot distinguish hikers and prey - take for example the hunter who shot a man in the face, thinking that he was a white-tailed deer when the man took out his handkerchief to blow his nose. I guess that hunter couldn't tell the north end from the south either!

But alas, alack, Bryn Weese in his editorial is right about some hunters being able to distinguish the difference in large mammals - like the ones who came uninvited onto our

childhood farm, hiding behind the milk-cows to take pot-shots at the moose and deer.

And why are there so many examples in our local papers of irresponsible hunters (p.4 "Hunter fined for several offences")? I guess that's what sells papers these days.

Maybe we should designate a Happy Hunting Ground for Sunday hunters?! If I had a bullet-proof vest, I could bring Holy Communion out on Sunday afternoons to hunt camps...

Just a thought.

The Rev Riscylla Shaw
St. Paul's, Minden

For more letters, see pages eight, nine.

Reader irked by sleds on sidewalks and council

To the Editor:

This letter is regarding snowmobiles on the sidewalks in the town of Minden. I have taken the time to write to the Minden Hills Council for their next meeting on the Thursday, March 9. I delivered it to the office on Friday, March 3 by 11 a.m.. I thought this would be enough time to be added to the agenda. Apparently not.

They will only take any correspondence up to the Wednesday a week before the meetings. This seems a long time before a meeting and they do not amend the agenda for anything. I served on Stanhope Council for 14 years

and two years on county council, where items were added even at the last minute.

Had I asked to come in as a delegation at this time I could see it being the next council meeting. All I asked was for council to read the letter at the next meeting.

This may seem petty to some but to those who have tried to walk on the sidewalks through snowmobile season in Minden will understand, you cannot and should not have to move of the sidewalks for these machines. They sure go after the young people who skateboard on them. What is good for the goose is good for the gander. Is it that the younger ones do not bring money

into the town?

I am asking council to find another way to cross the river and from Hwy 35. They have had four years since I was last there, and they said at that time they would work with the snowmobile club on finding a solution, as far as I am concerned they have no intension of doing anything.

In answer to the gentleman who wrote to the editor on this subject, there is a By-Law 76-4 that prohibits snowmobiles on the sidewalks, which council is in contravention of.

Ann Barker
Stanhope and Minden

Letter to council not on agenda for weeks

The following letter was first sent to Minden Hills council.

Reeve McMahon and Council,

I am writing to complain about snowmobiles on the sidewalks. This is an ongoing problem that you do not seem to want to do anything about. When I came before council four winters ago, I was told then you would work with the snowmobile association to find a way to solve this problem. Obviously you have not done anything; you are still in contravention of your own By-Law 76-4, which I have

attached. There is also a problem coming in from Hwy 35.

I do realize that it takes time; your council has not even tried at any lengths to work on this problem. Now the trail entrance has been moved further north on the Bobcaygeon Road. This means the snowmobiles are longer on the sidewalks and travel at higher speed. I will not move off the sidewalks for them nor should I have to. If I or any one else is hurt this council will be responsible and libel for a lawsuit that would cost more than fixing the problem.

If you want tourists and resi-

dents to come to Minden, then be responsible and make it safe for all of us to walk and shop with out fear of being run down by a snowmobile. For the snowmobiles to enjoy their time while visiting the town, it would bring more riders into town if there is a safer way to cross the river with out going through the towns core.

I await your answer and will attend a council meeting to follow up on this concern.

Cordially yours
Ann Barker
Minden and Stanhope



Snowmobiles can often be seen travelling on the sidewalks in Minden over the bridge between the Dominion Hotel and the snowmobile trail off of Bobcaygeon Road. Photo by Bryn Weese.

Lindsay shot up because she always said that she'd try anything once. Today she's trying to live with hepatitis C.

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Kinmount skateboard park loses another wheel to council

To the editor:

The library site, which is city-owned, was not supported by City of Kawartha Lakes council as the site of the Shaun Chapman Memorial Skateboard Park. However, we fail to understand why

We hired professional skatepark designers PGM Designs/Spectrum Skatepark Creations to prepare a report on this site. They concluded this 2.4-acre site was large enough to house a 10,000 sq. ft. skatepark and rated it high in visibility. Our proposal is for a 7,100 sq. ft. skatepark. If this site is considered by the City to be obscure one might ask why then did the city move our library there?

We would like to make it clear that the skatepark committee will raise a portion of the required funds through fundraising, but the bulk of the money will come from grants such as those available through the Ontario Trillium Foundation who requires a site be secured before consideration is given for grants. We are certainly not rushing into anything as Councillor Huke implied in a recent interview in the *Lindsay Post*.

Our group has been working on this project for over two years and has raised more than \$16,000 but we must secure a site in order to qualify for grants. Put quite simply, we do not have the funds yet because we do not have a site to qualify for the grants.

The City seems to think it will be a difficult, lengthy process to raise the funds; however, many smaller communities across Ontario have successfully obtained funding for skateparks in a timely fashion. A prime example is Madoc who formed their group the same month we did, Feb. 2004. Their skatepark cost \$362,000 and was completed by summer of 2005. Their municipality was very supportive supplying a property soon after their proposal was made, thus making it possible for them to move forward in the obtainment of necessary grants.

In the City's staff report the insurers state "the best case would be a supervised location but we recognize the difficulties with this - perhaps you could consider volunteer supervision." This statement leads us to believe supervision is not

mandated but merely suggested for consideration.

Any villager with concerns about insurance liability on their tax bill may not be aware that the City report states that if our group met the criteria prescribed by the insurers there would be no additional cost to the City's insurance premiums. We do wonder how many private concerned villagers there are in comparison to the many people who are clearly in support of this project and who have let their voices be heard. At the public meeting held with Craig Shanks nearly 100 people attended. No concerns were publicly voiced at this meeting. The media has not published any letters of concern. The villagers have clearly supported us in our fundraising efforts. There are more than 500 signatures on our petition to the city to provide land and insurance. We have more than 40 support letters from local businesses and organizations. We have been the recipients of a multitude of in kind donations for fundraising events.

What council has here is a community group trying to provide for a changing recreational demographic at no cost to the taxpayers. They would get a free piece of infrastructure that would reach out to marginalized youth and put the community on the list of "forward thinking, modern communities" making it a more attractive place to live and play. This concept is supported by the City's Strategic Plan. We have council's support in principle and will continue to explore potential non municipal properties in our efforts to secure a site. Our youth need more than forests to play in.

We will take Mr. Huke up on his advice to continue fundraising toward our goal. On Sat. Mar. 25 we are hosting a Bringing in Spring Bazaar from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.. On Sat. Apr. 22 at 5 p.m. we are holding a spaghetti dinner and auction which includes a loonie auction and silent auction. Both events are being held at the Kinmount Community Centre. We invite any one interested in table rental or donating auction items or services to "Get on Board" by contacting Lynne Kilby 488-2919. Together we can make this happen.

Lynne Kilby, Chairperson

Shaun Chapman Memorial Skateboard Park Committee
Kinmount

Let truckers bring trucks home, says reader

To the Editor:

Despite Reg Holloway's apparent concern for the community, his opposition to truck parking at residences seems to be based on personal bias more than anything. Many Canadians make a living in the trucking industry, including owner-operators who have been hard hit with low freight rates, rising fuel and maintenance costs, not to mention a place to park when not working.

He suggests a "truck park" Where would it be placed? (Far from Mountain Lake no doubt.) Who would provide security for these expensive rigs? Would there be electric hook up available for the big block heaters that are essential for cold winter starting?

Mr. Holloway's main concern seems to be that his property might not appreciate as fast as he would like because his neighbor might bring a logging truck home. His concern about tourism and new residents is humorous to say the least. Are we to believe that a Toronto family going north to experience some camping, or the fall colours, in their BMW will turn around and head home if they spot a parked Kenworth? That Goldie Hawn might not purchase a Mountain Lake property because she saw a Peterbilt tractor in someone's driveway?

Perhaps we could take this a step further and make sure farmers keep their manure piles covered and farm machinery out of sight. Barns should be painted yearly and only the most attractive livestock be allowed within sight of the highway.

While everyone would agree that a fleet of tractors and trailers doesn't belong at a residence, let's help these hard-working individuals by not adding one more item to the constantly increasing expense of operating a truck. When he or she finishes a long day behind the wheel, let them bring the truck home.

Ted Smith
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YOUR GUIDE TO LOCAL BUSINESS

This Week's Feature: Rachel's Bakery

Rachel's Bakery put Minden on the baking map

Local residents may remember in 2003 when Marian Markowski put Minden on the world baking map when he made the world's biggest birthday cake for the town's annual Canada Day celebration. Eight feet by four feet, weighing 510 pounds the cake took 16 local firefighters to move. Last year, Marian's record was broken by 26 pounds in Las Vegas during the city's 100 year anniversary. Marian, who is the owner of Rachel's Home Bakery, is devising a strategy to create a 1,000 pound cake. One obstacle the local baker faces is how to move the cake out of the bakery door. However, the plan is still in the developmental stage and will probably take another year or two of organizing before the current record can be broken.

Rachel's Home Bakery, located in both Minden and Haliburton, will celebrate

its 17th anniversary this May. Marian bought the bakery 13 years ago. A Canadian champion of baking and pastry, Marian is presently on the board of directors for the Baking Association of Canada and is an officer for the Pastry Chef Guild of Canada. He is active in the organization of the annual Food and Beverage Show and the Baking Show, both held in Toronto. The zealous baker has appeared in numerous trade baking journals that highlight his knowledge and expertise.

A member of the Artisan Baker's Quality Alliance, Marian has created artistic pieces out of dough including baskets. Baking is an art form, says Marian, the first person in Canada to achieve the rank of Master Baker.

Marian passes on his skill through his business. The bakery offers customers 32 varieties of bread, an assortment of cakes, cookies, pies and pastries, a



selection of fine European products and a deli counter. The bakery makes gluten free, wheat free and salt free breads. Rachel's Home Bakery is located in Minden at 172 Main Street and is open from five a.m. to five p.m. The Haliburton location at 195 Highland Street is open nine a.m. to five p.m. Both locations are closed Sundays and Monday throughout the winter.

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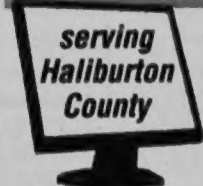
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Stanhope Airport clarifies its 2006 budget

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

In the February 16 edition of *The Times*, it was incorrectly reported that the Algonquin Highlands budget included a major increase in expenditure for the Stanhope Airport.

While expenditures, on paper, are increasing from \$167,627 to \$336,915 as is revenue, on paper, from \$43,025 to \$186,700, the numbers do not reflect additional revenue or expenditures.

This year, the airport's budget is distinguishing fuel revenue from expenditures, whereas before the two categories were grouped together and the net value was included as revenue in the budget.

Despite the erroneous figures the township is, however, planning several capital expenditures at the airport. Among them is a new hangar for \$60,000 that is being taken from reserves, \$35,000 is slated for resurfacing of the taxiway, \$11,700 is being budgeted for a new lawn tractor, as is \$3,500 for a new furnace for the terminal

building.

Airport Manager John Packer says that the airport is doing well and that it is growing at a normal rate.

"We're meeting our normal growth figures," says Packer, adding that increased traffic and increased interest have spawned major economic development at the airport with the addition of two new hangers and other projects recently.

"The bottom line is that the airport is doing very well," he says.

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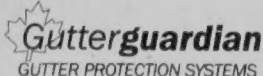

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Martha Perkins/TIMES

Although none of their teachers is allowed to teach during the strike, students have free use of the studios at the Haliburton campus of Fleming College. Students say

they can cope with a strike that's one week long, or two at the most, but after that they fear that they won't be able to afford to finish the program.

'I'm hoping this is for the sake of education'

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week jewellery and glassblowing programs were worried about how they could afford to stay in Haliburton if their school year is extended. For many, coming up with another month's rent won't be easy.

"A lot of people are from out of town so it would be very difficult for them to return [if the strike lasts a long time,]" says Colm Magner of Toronto.

On Tuesday morning, he was distributing a letter to fellow students. "If the strike continues more than a week or two at most," he writes, "I know many of us will be unable to finish our chosen programs. I think it is only fair, therefore that, if this scenario arises, Fleming College offer its students some kind of mutually agreeable financial compensation."

He says the request in no way reflects his feelings about the quality of the program, the faculty, and the faculty's right to strike.

The program, which condenses two college terms into one, costs \$3,600.

"I'm worried that if it takes too long it will cost much more money," says Erin Clarke of Ajax. She's in support of the faculty; "it's just unfortunate the strike had to be when I am going to school."

"I just want to get back to work," says fellow jewellery maker Andreas Norwood of London. "I don't care if it's a week because if it's a week you can catch up."

Down the hall in the glassblowing studio, where half a dozen students were making use of the 2,100° ovens and equipment, Randy Barba of Chicago says, "I won't be anxious as long as I get studio time."

However, that's if the strike doesn't last too long. "I imagine it's happening for a good reason but it's really inconvenient for me." A week is okay but "any time after that is a little awkward."

"I'd prefer it wasn't happening but there's not much I can do about it," says Derrick Mahoney of Thomasburg.

Barba says most students were too caught up with their workload to pay much attention to the potential strike. They weren't very aware of how real the possibility had become until Monday, when college administrators visited each class to explain what would happen in case of a strike.

Fleming College has decided to keep its doors and facilities open to all students. Faculty are not supposed to enter the buildings and at the Haliburton campus, where there is only one full-time faculty member, there were no picket lines for the students or other workers to cross.

Teachers are off the job after rejecting the province's offer of a 12 per cent wage increase over four years. The increase would bring the maximum salary to \$94,277. They're lobbying for smaller class sizes and more pay. The board of colleges says that if the union's demands were to be met it would cost the system more than \$200 million, money the colleges simply don't have. It says the average class size is 28 students.

"The provincial government has failed us as students and citizens," says the ecotourism program's Rob Wright. "This has been an ongoing problem for the employees of the college. I think the government waited too long to address the problem."

Contacted by the *Echo*, glassblowing instructor Clark Guettel says, "I think it's really too bad that the Ministry

of Education doesn't appreciate the value of teachers. The province is selling education by charging students tuition. The students are buying a product — an education. It's the services that teachers sell. They have to pay a fair price for teachers."

He adds, "Everyone's disrupted but I'm hoping the union is doing this for the sake of education. Usually people don't go on strike unless there's some good reason."

Local glassblowing artist Terry Craig was working as a studio technician in the glassblowing studio to ensure the equipment was being used properly and safety procedures were being followed. An occasional teacher at the campus, he was not allowed to instruct or help any of the students.

He says the students are concerned because they don't know what's going on. A couple are from the United States and their visas are tied to the length of the program.

"Money's an issue," he says of the students' concerns. "These guys are okay for a short while. A couple of days is one thing but a couple of weeks is a big issue."

Craig sees the issue from the student perspective but is also supportive of the faculty's position because "they're fighting to get better a education for the future."

"It's a shame it's come to this."

Student Rob Wright says the provincial government doesn't realize the difference between college and university. "College is about putting people in the work force. When it gets buggered up, that gets lost. The timelines the college students live by have a greater effect on their needs."

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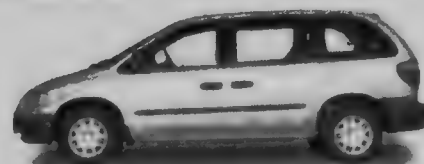
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Ready to rock

The Minden Curling Club is hosting curling for children every Thursday night. With more than 50 children from Grades 3 to 8 participating, the junior curling league is led by adults Jane Boyd and her husband Scotty (helped by five other adult volunteers) who give children the opportunity to learn about curling and the various

aspects of the game as well as compete against other children. The league hosts two annual bonspiels. Every league member becomes a club member. Starting in October and ending in March, the league is winding down now. Above left children are led through a series of warm-up exercises before taking to the ice. Above right Willy Schwab watches his rock finish its slide as Alexandra Casper prepares for her own shot with helper Gord Sheehan watching.

Storm teams battle for playoff titles

The following are the scores from the Highland Storm's playoff series.

Tykes - Playing for Tri-County Championship

Saturday: Storm 2 Cannington 0
Lead series 1-0

Novices - Muskoka/Parry Sound Playoffs

Friday: Storm 2 Bracebridge 1
Sunday: Storm 5 Bracebridge 3
Won Series 2-0

Atom Rep - OMHA Semi-finals

Saturday: Tavistock 2 Storm 1
Sunday: Storm 3 Tavistock 1 Series
Tied 1-1

Game 3: Friday Mar 10 in Haliburton at 7 p.m.

Game 4: Sat Mar 11 in Minden at 2:30 p.m.

Atom AE - OMHA Semi-final

Saturday: Lakefield 5 Storm 1
Sunday: Lakefield 7 Storm 5
Lost series 3-0

Midget AE - OMHA Semi-finals

Saturday: Storm 8 Almaguin 2
Sunday: Storm 7 Almaguin 0
Game 3: Friday Mar 10 in Haliburton 8:30pm
Game 4: Saturday Mar 11 in Burke's Falls at 2 p.m. if necessary

Tri-County Atoms win their second tournament

by MARK PENMAN
Special to The Times

Highland Storm Tri-County Atoms travelled to Meaford on Saturday, March 4 for a tournament.

The first game was against Strathroy and the game started with a flurry with Strathroy score in the first three minutes of the game. Strathroy carried the game until the mid-way portion on the first period, when John Mark Penman #17 scored on a shot from the face off circle.

This ignited the Storm and they carried the play for the rest of the first period. The Storm scored three unanswered goals in periods two and three and slowed the game down. The Storm had gone to the tournament with nine skaters and had to play a controlled game to maintain their lead. Goalie Brayden Frost made several saves to keep the Strathroy team off the board and the defensive team of Cody Withey, Spencer Hicks, and Tyler Stamp played a tight defensive game. The game ended in a 4-2 win for the Storm. Liam Wilcox, Matthew Besner and John Mark Penman were the other goal scorers.

Sunday's first game was against Shelburne and once again the Storm let their opponents score first. Shortly after the first goal by Shelburne the Storm finished a three way passing with a goal

from Liam Wilcox. This goal was followed by another tic-tac-toe play by Matthew Chapman. The Storm dominated the play and had strong forechecking by Mathew, Connor Bird and Julia Fedeski. This line held the puck in the Shelburne end most of the game. This game was put away with two more goals scored Matthew Chapman and Liam Wilcox.

The third game of the tournament was the championship against Collingwood Blues. This game started fast and the Storm pressed the Blues into several defensive errors that brought about an early goal by John Mark Penman. After that goal the Storm never looked back two more goals by John Mark completed a hat trick and beautiful finish to another passing play by Liam Wilcox iced the tournament championship. The Storm made it exciting in the dying minutes of the third period by taking two penalties to go two players down for almost two minutes. This gave Collingwood the two goals to make the last three minutes exciting. Strong goaltending, tight defensive and offensive play making was the way that this team played and won.

This is the second championship for this team at tournaments in January they took the Fenelon Falls Atoms B Trophy home and now the Meaford Trophy. Good job team.

Highland Storm playoff schedule

Tykes Tri-County Championships

March 12 at Cannington 6:30 p.m.
March 16 at Cannington 7 p.m.
March 19 at Minden 10 a.m.
March 26 at Minden 10 a.m.

Atom AE semi-finals vs Lakefield

Sat Mar 11 5:30 p.m. in Minden
Sun Mar. 12 2:30 p.m. in Lakefield
Tues. Mar 14 6:30 p.m. in Haliburton

Midget AE (tentative) semi-finals

Fri Mar 10 at 8:30 p.m. in Haliburton
Sat Mar 11 at 2:00 p.m. in Burks Falls
Sun. Mar 12 at 4:30 p.m. in Haliburton

Atom Rep semi-finals best 3 out of 5

Mar 10 7:00 p.m. at Haliburton
Mar. 11 2:30 p.m. at Minden
Mar. 12 2:00pm p.m. at Tavistock
Mar. 14 6:30 p.m. at Minden

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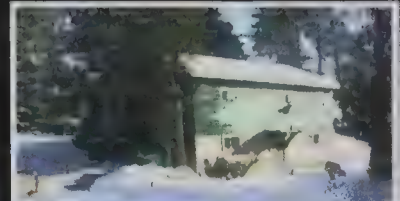
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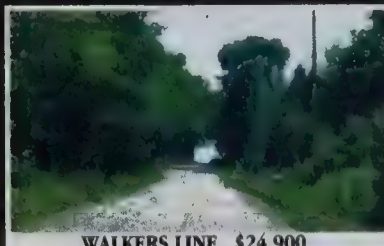
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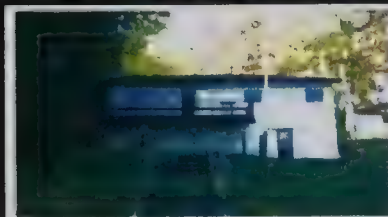
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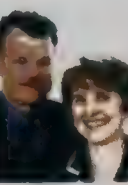
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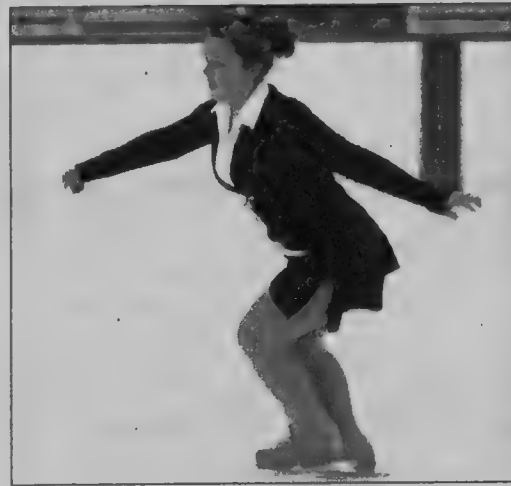
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Jessica Carrell and Jena Bailey compete in the shadow skills level one competition. Photos by Sheryl Loucks, *Bancroft This Week*.



Stephanie Foster took third in the shadow skating skills level 2.



Ashleigh Schollig in the theatre on ice open division placed fourth.

Minden skaters make their club proud in Bancroft

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Special to The Times

Minden skaters spun in a winning "circle of life" during the Kawartha Highlands Interclub figure skating competition held in Bancroft last weekend.

The Haliburton team won first in the showtime team event. They were the only team to attempt lifts and spinning amongst other feats.

Melinda O'Mara says it was great to see each team bring something completely different to the ice in the showtime event. She says they demonstrated different strengths during the day and it was exciting to see a lot of good skating.

"The parents have really enjoyed it. Bancroft has done a good job in organizing this," says O'Mara.

The event featured more than 100 skaters from six different clubs.

Minden Results

Freestyle Introductory A flight one – Melissa Cooper

Freestyle Introductory A flight two – Ashley Cooper first

Freestyle Introductory B, flight one – Brooke Saunders fourth

Freestyle Introductory B, flight two – Krista Bamford third

Shadow Skating Skills level one – Jessica Carrell and Jena Bailey second

Shadow Skating Skills level two – Stephanie Foster and Sandy Beckford third

Individual Theatre On Ice primary – Brooke Saunders fifth and Jessica Carrell eighth

Individual Theatre On Ice intermediate

– Sandy Beckford fifth and Stephanie Foster sixth

Individual Theatre On Ice open – Ashleigh Schollig fourth

Shoot the Duck level one – Brooke Saunders third

Shoot the duck level two – Sandy Beckford third?

Shadow Dance pre-preliminary – Brooke Saunders and Melissa Cooper eighth, Katlyn Doiron and Krista Bamford sixth

Shadow Dance preliminary – Jessica Carrell and Jena Bailey seventh

Shadow Dance junior bronze – Chis O'Mara and Minna Schleifenbaum fourth

Shadow Dance open – Ashleigh Schollig and Sandy Beckford fourth, Kaitlin Allore and Stephanie Foster fifth

Similar pairs introductory flight one –

Brooke Saunders and Katlyn Doiron fifth

Similar pairs introductory flight two – Cassidy Garbutt and Shae MacNaull fifth

Similar pairs beginner – Kirsten Schollig and Kaitlin Allore third, Jessica Carrell and Jena Bailey fourth

Similar pairs intermediate – Sandy Beckford and Stephanie Foster

Add on jumps primary – Kirsten Schollig, first

Add on jump intermediate – Sandy Beckford third

Add on jump senior – Stephanie Foster fifth

Add on jump open – Ashleigh Schollig second

Team elements junior – Minden fourth

Team elements intermediate – Minden fifth

Team elements senior – Minden fourth

Red Hawk curlers finish season

The Red Hawks curling teams ended their season by millimeters at the Kawartha championships last week, shut down by two opposing skips who pulled off some amazing shots in the dying minutes of their matches.

The boys won their first game 9-2 against St. Peter's, lost their second game 4-5 against Thomas A. Stewart (who went on to become the eventual

Kawartha A-Side winners), won their third game 9-2 against Fenelon Falls and lost their third game 7-9 against Adam Scott.

The team played their third and fourth games with only three players. In the fourth game they gave up five in the first end (oops) but controlled the rest of the

game to come home in the seventh behind by one.

The girls lost their first game 4-7 against Crestwood, won their second game 6-5 against Norwood and lost their third game to Fenelon Falls 7-8. (The Fenelon Falcons were the eventual B-Side winners.

Coach Tom Dibblee says HHSS girls team continued to improve over the season. "They had amazing skill, strategy and attitudes," he said. "Great job."

Coaches Kathy Hutson and Dibblee would like to thank the many parent volunteer drivers for getting the teams to their various competitions.

Good curling.



The HHSS girls' curling team is, from left, back row: Vice Erin Stephen, Coach Kathy Hutson and Skip Coral Pratt. Front row: Lead Karen Cox-Gurdon and Second Chantel Stephen. Absent is Alternate Meghan Watson

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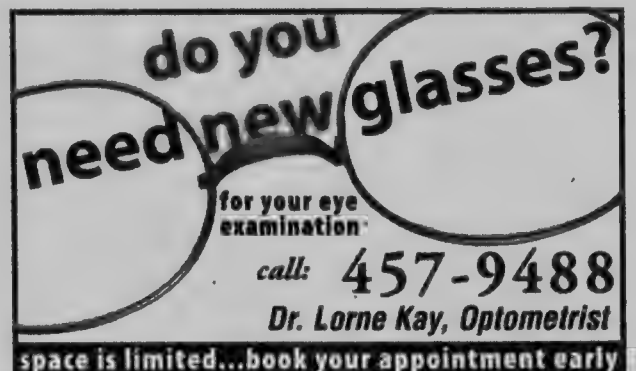
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Dorset writing contest is snowballing

This year, Dorset Snowball Young Writers' Contest attracted almost twice as many entries as last year. Young writers from Dorset, Minden, Bracebridge, Huntsville, East York, Manitou Public School in Sault Ste. Marie and Dorion Public School near Thunder Bay took the risk to submit their works.

The calibre of the entries was impressive. One young author, Jacob Kriger age 11 from Huntsville, submitted the thirteenth and final chapter of his novel.

Like last year, the largest number of entries was in the youth poetry division. The youngest entrant, Jazzmine Van Veld, age 8 from Dorset, won honourable mention for her poem in the youth category, competing against poets up to age 12, as she did last year.

The Snowball writing contest is a joint project of the Dorset Recreation Centre and the Haliburton County Library Writer in Residence program of Dorset.

Thanks to the generosity of Haliburton Development Corporation, an anthology containing all the entries, was published and each of the writers who entered received copies.

A few additional copies if the Dorset Snowball Young

Writers' Collection 2006, published by Clouds' Nest Press ISBN 0-9737798-1-0, are available from the Dorset Recreation Centre.

The following are the results.

Youth Short Story

*Winner – Jacob Kriger Endless Journey Into The Black Hole (Final Chapter)

Honourable Mention – Micah Pawluk The Stone Prison

Youth Poetry

*Winner – Natasha Bergerson The Woman No One Sees

Honourable Mention – Elizabeth deRoode Sniff

Honourable Mention – Jazzmine Van Veld Flight

Runner Up – Cody Barber The Campfire

Runner Up – Chi-Nodin Stevens Bad Day

Runner Up – John Cross O Daniel

Teen Short Story

*Winner – Carly Tisdall Snow Angel

Honourable Mention – Van Bailey Skiing Danger
Honourable Mention – Jon Percival Darkness

Teen Poetry

*Winners – Tied for first place: Erin Charlton There's A Bit Of A Draft In Here and Aila Morin You And I
Honourable Mention – Jaime Payne The Exclamation Of A Beholder

Young Adult Short Story

*Winner – Brittney Rand The History Of This House
Honourable Mention – Sachi Schott The Time-Traveller

Young Adult Poetry

*Winner – Sheila Cook Radical Dreamers

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To help workplaces prepare for the new act, the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit invites employers to attend a free information workshop on the Smoke Free Ontario Act. • Background and overview of the act

- The Smoke Free Ontario Act and workplaces
- Enforcement
- Support available for smokers who want to quit
- Opportunity for questions and answers

The workshop will be held Tuesday, March 21 at Wigamog Inn, Commons Room, from 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Refreshments will be provided in the morning, with lunch from 12-1. Both the workshop and lunch are free.

Who should attend? Any employer or employee who would like to become more informed about the Smoke Free Ontario Act is welcome to attend. For more information and to register, please call Melanie at the Health Unit, 457-1391 ext. 245. As there are a limited number of spaces available, please register today.



Bryn Weese/TIMES

The Municipality of Minden Hills recently donated four blue boxes to the Minden Food Bank to encourage recycling. The boxes would usually fetch a fee of \$5 each. Holding the blue boxes are, from left, the municipality's Environment Manager Bob Romberg, Algonquin Highlands Councillor Jim Hicks, the food bank's new recycling guru Murray Daniels and Minden Hills Councillor and Waste Management Chair Peter Oyler.

Food bank joins recycling team

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

Murray Daniels is new to the Minden Food Bank, but often with new faces come new ideas. He has agreed to take on the task of disposing of the charity's waste.

Previously, waste disposal for the Minden Food Bank was nothing more than carting it down to the Dollo's IGA dumpsters. David Dollo, the Food Bank's landlord, had agreed to allow them to use his facilities.

But under the direction of Daniels, and the helping hand of the Municipality of Minden Hills, recycling has now become part of the process.

Recently Minden Hills' Environment Manager Bob Romberg and Councillor Peter Oyler, donated four blue boxes to the food bank to begin their environmentally-friendly journey.

"We have provided blue boxes to Archie Stouffer Elementary School, one of the local churches and now the Minden Food Bank," said Romberg. "It is an opportunity for the municipality to encourage recycling."

Algonquin Highlands Councillor Jim Hicks, who is involved with the Minden Food Bank said that it was time, "to become good community citizens and start a recycling program."

Daniels' offer to look after waste was all it took, Hicks says.

Oyler, who also chairs the township's waste management committee, said that the donation was a great way to celebrate the hard-working volunteers as well as encourage greater care for the environment.

"Minden Hills appreciates the volunteer efforts of those connected with the food bank," he said. "We encourage recycling in Minden Hills and are glad to support all community efforts to promote it."

CARNARVON BOWLING

Tuesday Afternoon, February 28

High Average: Ken Thompson 213; Lillian Mattsson 177

High Single: Robert McIver 269; Lillian Mattsson 191

High Single HC: Robert McIver 293; Mary Wilkins 239

High Triple: Robert McIver 706; Lillian Mattsson 530

High Triple HC: Robert McIver 778; Mary Wilkins 705

Tuesday Night, February 28

High Average: Ken Thompson 213; Marlene Robinson 198

High Single: Eric Burk 257; Clara Vuksic 209

High Single HC: Charlie Robb 287; Clara Vuksic 262

High Triple: Eric Burk 643; Marlene Robinson 524

High Triple HC: Charlie Robb 787; Clara Vuksic 671

Wednesday Afternoon, March 1

High Average: Ken Thompson 212; Carol Snow 171

High Single: Ken Thompson 251; Diane Platt 246

High Single HC: Robert Terro 280; Diane Platt 323

High Triple: Ken Thompson 596; Carol Snow 538

High Triple HC: Robert Terro 693; Diane Platt 679

Thursday Afternoon, March 2

High Average: Ken Thompson 215; Josie Cheesman 168

High Single: Ken Thompson 246; Beverley Alexander 202

High Single HC: Gord MacLean 255; Beverley Alexander 255

High Triple: Ken Thompson 618; Beverley Alexander 564

High Triple HC: Bruno Campagnola 718; Beverley Alexander 713

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Hard to believe but this morning the radio announced that today was both "Aunt Day" and "Plant A Flower Day". While a card to a favourite aunt seems appropriate any time of year, our garden beds are still covered in deep snow and planting a flower would definitely be an indoor item.

In the window of Kinmount Foodtown one sign reminds that Spring is just around the corner. The dinner auction sponsored by the Kinmount Committee for Planning and Economic Development is set for Saturday, April 29. Tickets are available now for this very popular event which sells out quickly. Funds raised support the Austin Heritage Sawmill Project and other community endeavours including town beautification. The evening features four auctions including a live auction, silent auction, loonie auction and country raffle with great items available served up with a full roast beef dinner. Donations of prizes would still be most welcome. To reserve your place please call Diane at 488-2635 or Joyce at 488-2687.

I still remember our first attendance at the auction. Checking the silent auction sheets near closing I noted that somehow my "signature" appeared bidding on both a horseback trail ride and a septic tank pump out. It didn't take a D.N.A. test or handwriting expert to spot son David as the culprit. Fortunately there was still time to remedy the situation. More recently granddaughter Emma, heart set on a pair of well-worn pink ballet slippers donated by the National Ballet, planted herself firmly in front of

that bid sheet reminding other viewers of how much she really wanted them. A year earlier, much to my surprise, I was thanked by a pleasant lady who had successfully bid on my handknit sweater. On enquiring how she knew the knitter's identity she gestured towards Emma. "That little girl followed me into the washroom and suggested that I might want to thank her grandma." It must be in the genes.

Kinmount Legion Branch 441 is pleased to host the annual Sandra Robertson Memorial Dart Tournament this Saturday, March 11th at the Legion with registration from 10 - 11 a.m. Just a reminder that every Friday night the Legion holds a Bingo starting at 6:45 p.m..

The next regular meeting of the Galway & Area Ratepayers Association takes place this Saturday, March 11 at the Galway Hall from 10 a.m. until 12 noon. Come and learn more about watershed management and the new role to be played by Kawartha Conservation regarding the Gull and Burnt Rivers. These bimonthly meetings also provide an important opportunity for area residents to dialogue with local councillors and exchange information.

Some tables are still available for the spring bazaar on Saturday, March 25 sponsored by the Shaun Chapman Memorial Skateboard Park Committee. The cost per table is \$20. To book call Lynn at 488-2919, as soon as possible.

Vendors are also invited to rent tables at the giant garage sale coming up on April 8 at the Coboconk New Horizons Lions Hall from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.. Table rentals are \$10 and for more information call 887-6892.

Now for the Scoring News with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together.

February 28 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: Helen Burk reports that for the men Steve Saunders was high and Jim Walters low with Pearl Cowen tops for the ladies and the low score recorded by Joyce Schellenberg. Kevin Maloney won for lone hands and Theresa Deak took the special draw.

February 28 Stanhope Firehall Seniors Mixed Shuffleboard: In first with 339 was the duo of Joan Meadows and Cliff Davison followed by Marj Hamilton and Hazel Dorman 316 and Flo Roussel teamed with Connie Sawyer 313. The afternoon's low was a respectable 237 played by George Hamilton and Grace Barrack.

February 28 bid euchre at Minden Legion: Elva Paisley led the scoring at 299 with Verna McDonald 260 second and Thelma Francis 249 third. Hidden score holders were Jean Scadden along with Ida and Ken Young while Sam Gaudet and Maria Tschida took the moonshots.

February 28 contract bridge at Stanhope: Four Slams were bid and played over the afternoon two by June Branning partnered first with Diana Spicer and then Ross Fletcher and two by Chuck Wilson with Jan and then Dave Heaven. Our bridge reporter Ross Fletcher had the high score of 7650 followed by June Branning 6980, Betty Dicker 4830 and Jean Jackson 4370. The lucky draw winner was Chuck Wilson, Stan Hill took the Shiny Penny and for Ross it was the I.B.A.L.L.T. Award for indeed "It's Been A Long, Long Time."

March 1 bid euchre at Stanhope: Moonshot trio mem-

bers were Peter Farr, John Grimberger and Dwayne Lloyd. Leading the pinks was Mary Pearson 344 then Pat Roussel 267 and Marion Farr 265. Rob Evans topped the whites at 312 with Tom Grix 299 second and Pat Scadden 276 third.

March 1 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing the Howell system Harold Cox and Chuck Wilson were first at 64%, Norma Crewson and Bruce Armstrong next at 61% and in third Don Mills partnered with Bill Sandford 60%.

March 1 Kinmount Seniors euchre at Kinmount Legion: For the ladies Emily Harvie had the high score and Marcy Morgan the low while Mike St. Thomas was high man and double lucky Roger Fournier won for both low man and lone hands. The draw prize went to Thelma Francis.

March 2 euchre at Minden Legion: This was family night with lone hand honours going to May and Jim Bradbury while Edith and Don Burch recorded the high scores. Flo Roussel and Jesse Barlow shared the lows with the other prizes going to John Mallon, Lois Adamson, Helen Skelding and Olive and Murray Daniels.

March 3 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Mayme Douglas and Muriel McIntosh led the top three duos with 66% then Stella McMillan partnered with Norma Crewson at 64% and Chuck Wilson teamed with Ross Fletcher at 60%.

March 3 bid euchre at Club 35: Three moonshots landed on Stan Dutka, Pat Scadden and Tom Pearson while John Grimbergen uncovered the hidden score. First for the pinks at 294 was our reporter Mary Pearson with Verna McDonald 262 second and Colleen Davison 251 third. Cliff Davison topped the whites at 275 with Percy Butler 274 a close second and Dick Coffey 248 third.

March 4 bid euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Moonshots went to Albert Foster, Gala Stamp and Theresa Deak [2]. For the whites it was Gala Stamp at 306 with Pat Scadden next at 263 and Helen Henderson 218 third while the pinks' top slot was filled by Edith Burch 253 with Emily Harvie 250 second and Theresa Deak 230 third. Margaret Fletcher, Pearl Cowen and Elva Paisley were the draw winners.

March 6 cribbage at Minden Legion: The top three players were Bob Cleverly first, Lois Adamson second and Don Hicks third. Other prizes went to Lorna Hicks, Pat Scadden, Edith Burch and Syd Adamson. Thanks to Elva Paisley for this update.

March 6 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at the Kinmount Legion: Marcy Morgan was high at 267 with Roger Fournier second high at 257 and Dorothy McElwain winning the draw.

March 6 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lone hand honours went to Pearl Cowen and Lorne Dinesen who shared the special draw prize spotlight with Bill Mosley. High score holders were Verna McDonald and Gala Stamp while Ken Rowden had the afternoon's low.

March 6 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Don Gemmett won for high hands, our reporter Elaine Yeo for low hands and Gala Stamp for both lone hands and the special draw.

March 6 euchre at Club 35: Holding the most lone hands was Sue Yallop with Barb Robitaille taking home the baloney. Barb also recorded the high score for the ladies with Harry Randell high man while Helen Windsor and Ed Yallop had the evening's lows.

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County 9-1-1 Clerk

Health Unit struggles with budget

Budget deferred until additional report is done

The following are brief reports from the February board meeting of the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District.

The board will defer passing the 2006 budget until an additional report on the Health Unit's budget for the past five years can be presented.

As requested at the last board of health meeting, Dr. Lynn Noseworthy, Medical Officer of Health, presented a report on the potential impact that a two per cent reduction in the municipal levy for 2006 would have on Health Unit programs. In the report, Dr. Noseworthy outlined the changing funding formula for public health, with the three obligated municipalities now responsible for 35 per cent of the Health Unit's budget,

and the province now responsible for 65 per cent.

Dr. Noseworthy highlighted that if the levy for the obligated municipalities was to remain the same as 2005, the Health Unit would be able to increase its staffing level by 14 positions. If the levy was to decrease by two per cent, Dr. Noseworthy said it would greatly reduce the Health Unit's capacity to achieve compliance with public health programs mandated by the province, as well as prevent the Health Unit from moving forward with a plan to provide immunization clinics for those area residents without access to primary health care services.

The Board of Health asked that the report contain the budget levels for the past five years, as well as a listing of

increased responsibilities expected of the Health Unit.

Influenza Immunization

Board of Health members used words such as "disappointed" and "disturbed" to describe their feelings after Dr. Noseworthy provided an update on the influenza immunization rates for staff of local hospitals and long-term care facilities. While the Health Unit once again had 100 per cent compliance among staff, the following percentage of staff in hospitals were immunized against influenza as of December 14, 2005:

Haliburton Health Services – 77 per cent – down from 91 per cent in 2004.

Campbellford Hospital – 35 per cent – up from 30 per cent in 2004.

Northumberland Hills Hospital – 68 per cent – up from 47 per cent in 2004

Ross Memorial Hospital – 57 per cent – up from 55 per cent in 2004.

Dr. Noseworthy told Board of Health members that a PhD student interning with the Health Unit is doing a research project on Influenza immunization rates in hospitals and investigating the reasons behind low rates, potential methods for increasing rates and ways to implement remedial measures for the coming year.

The HKPR District Health Unit was the co-sponsor of a resolution that was passed at the fall annual meeting of the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (ALPHA) in which the province was to be petitioned to make it mandatory of all health care professionals to

be immunized against influenza.

In her remarks, Dr. Noseworthy also illustrated that the overall number of people immunized against influenza by the Health Unit decreased in 2005. In 2004, a total of 23,999 immunizations were provided, compared to 21,948 in 2005. Immunizations were also provided through doctors' offices and workplace clinics, and the final numbers have not yet been received.

To date, there have been two lab-confirmed cases of Influenza A in the HKPR area, but both were acquired while travelling outside the country. There continue to be respiratory outbreaks in long-term care facilities, but influenza has not been identified in any of the outbreaks.

Reports

Substance Abuse and Injury Prevention Co-ordinator Marjorie Oke provided an overview of the work being done by Health Unit staff to help prevent childhood injuries.

Funded by the Ministry of Children and Youth Services as well as the federal government, the program received funding for four years to work with parents and community partners to help reduce the incidence of childhood injuries. Oke said staff have focused on the key areas of suffocation, choking, burns, poison, falls, and drowning as these are the causes of most injuries and deaths of young children.

In the coming year, Oke said staff will be working with area municipalities to introduce a campaign to encourage residents to discard or destroy old, unused children's products that may be hazardous.

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Alyssa Stiver presented Ian Coltman of the Stanhope Fire Department with a cheque for \$400 raised at the R.C Baker (Bake) memorial fishing tournament held on Halls Lake March 4th. Photo submitted.

'Bake' would have been thrilled by fishing derby

R.C. Baker Memorial Fishing Derby on Halls Lake couldn't have been better



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The R.C. Baker Memorial Fishing Derby was the highlight of the weekend on Halls Lake last Saturday. Bake (as he was affectionately called) always claimed that Halls Lake was his favourite fishing spot. Clear skies, bright sunshine and gentle breezes across the bay by the island adjacent to Elvin Johnson Park added to everyone's enjoyment. Seventy-six people registered for the derby and there were a dozen or so helpers and onlookers. Everyone there came out to fish, to have fun, to mingle or to just socialize with their neighbours and friends.

Bake was known and respected by almost everyone in the area. Many stories were shared about how, although retired when he moved to Halls Lake, he continued to do jobs for people, help them out when needed or just share a Miller when anyone dropped over.

He would have been proud to know that so many donations were made in his honour and that so many wonderful people still hold him dear in their memory.

Doris and Carl Devouge attended with four other

friends. They ice fish up here every day and Doris recalls, "We fished beside Bake and Mary all the time. He was such a super guy." Did she catch any fish? "No, I wasn't one of the lucky ones but the food was so good."

It's not hard to fantasize at her description of sizzling hot dogs and the tantalizing smell of fried onions wafting out across the lake. Is there a more captivating aroma?

Pat Woodard, a resident on the lake, said, "Bake was smiling down on us that day. Many small fish were caught which means the lake is healthy and they're breeding nicely. The mortality rate was good on the release of the fish which were handled carefully and returned to the water to allow them to grow bigger. This doesn't always happen in amateur derbies. This tournament was run very professionally."

While the fish were not as co-operative as people would have liked, catches were spread throughout the day so that everyone felt the excitement as each was brought in. To keep the momentum going, numbers were drawn all day for the long list of prizes that were donated. Many businesses generously donated gifts or money so that almost everyone walked away with a prize, or in some cases, two or three items.

Cash prizes of \$260 were available in three cate-

gories: the first fish, the biggest fish and the most fish caught by one person. Winners Jans Heuvel, Andrew Devouge and Eugene Bond respectively, took home the well earned cash. Dan Muir won \$100 bill in the 50/50 draw.

For many, the derby was not an end in itself. It was the excuse to bring friends up from the city to enjoy some outdoor winter fun and time together. Ron Cummings invited friends Jimmy Dennett and Pete Devouge from Midland. Despite getting lost and arriving late, they won a couple of prizes and had a laugh at Young Ron, Jim Cumming's son, who got stuck on his

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Turning to the experts

Driver Monica Beyler, 16, throws her car into a corner, manoeuvring through the figure-eight course at the advanced driving course hosted by carcontrolschool.com at the Minden Fairgrounds on Saturday, Feb. 4. The company, with the aid of the local ice racing (car) track organizers, has used the fairgrounds venue for more than 10 years. Photo, Darren Lum.

Stivers kept the 'cue going

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ATV on the slushy lake, ending up soaking wet from his hips down. For the Cummings brothers, anyone is fair game to poke fun at. Alex Cummings commented, "It would have been nice to catch a fish but we had a heck of a lot of fun mixing from hole to hole."

The Stiver family, who hosted the event, worked hard to keep the barbecues going, eventually moving one barbecue into a hut to keep the wieners and hot chocolate warm.

They would like to thank all the people and businesses that graciously donated prizes to the derby. The amount and quality of the gifts really added to the excitement of the day.

Kathy Alcock says, "We would also like to thank volunteers from the Stanhope Fire Department — C.J. Shelley, Ian Colman, and Nigel Atkinson — for all their help and time. Danny [Stiver] ploughed the area to allow participants to park, had the washrooms cleaned and oversaw other tasks. Holes in the ice were made for participants so that they just had to register and drop a line. Volunteers helped out with setting up, the cooking, and the clean-up after it was all over. Proceeds from the event, in the amount of \$400, were donated to the Stanhope Fire Department Emergency

Equipment Fund. Bake was a staunch supporter of the fire department."

Mary Stiver credits her daughters Kathy and Chris for coming up with the idea for the derby and for undertaking so much of the work to make it run smoothly. "We had never done anything like this before and it was wonderful when Doris Devouge phoned to thank me for such a wonderful time. I was really pleased to see that there was no garbage at all in the area the next day. Our volunteers did a great job."

Our Highlander of the Year, Carol Moffat has also been busy. Plans are already in the works this year for many of her projects as she reports below.

"Volunteers at the Stanhope Museum are starting to work on new displays for the upcoming season, including one on the Carnarvon Ski Hill. Yup, it's true: there was a ski hill in Carnarvon in the mid 1960s. We already know some things about the hill, but if you skied there, worked there, or simply just remember it, please call me, Carol, at 489-3554 and let's chat about a really interesting piece of history."

"The museum is also getting organized for its 4th annual Heritage Day on Saturday, July 15. The day highlights a variety of historic themes such as steam engines, old-tyme music,

the Laundry Lady, Heritage Gardens and a long list of interesting demonstration trades and crafts such as tinsmithing, tatting, chair caning, carving, bobbin lace-making and the like. If you have a trade or craft that might fit our day, such as soap-making, candle-making, blacksmithing, etc. please consider volunteering as an active demonstrator at Heritage Day. It's fun! Call Betty Moffatt at 489-3021 to find out more.

"Those who are Friends of Heritage and subscribers to the Stanhope Museum/Hawk Lake Log Chute Newsletter can check out our new-fangled, fancy-pants newsletter. Please click the link below to go directly to it. Our website has been overhauled, too, and is just as fancy as the newsletter. Please stop by for a look, and see the whole new section about the fabulous Hawk Lake Log Chute Historic Park. All comments are welcome. http://www.stanhopemuseum.on.ca/newsletter/February_2006.pdf."

To submit any item of interest to this regular weekly column, please e-mail bpjohnson@sympatico.ca or call (705) 489-3878. Share what you know about what's happening in Stanhope, what Stanhope residents are up to or how you enjoyed a particular event or gathering.

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Be a part of local health focus group

Haliburton Highlands Health Services conducts group discussions



DORSET NEWS

Melissa Alfano
705-766-0076
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Haliburton Highlands Health Services is conducting group discussions throughout the county on health issues in Haliburton Highlands. Topics such as availability of flu shot clinics, nurse practitioners and others will be covered. Dorset's focus group is scheduled to meet Wednesday, March 22 at 4 p.m. at the Dorset recreation centre. If you would like to be a part of this focus group, please call the Recreation Centre at 705-766-9968. All are welcome.

There was an effective speaking contest held February 15 at Irwin Memorial School in Dwight. The contest was open to Grades 6, 7 and 8 and had nine participants: Sidney Hayden, Leah Amasow, Josh Hill, Katie Forbes, Hwa Kyung Joo, Daniel Snell, Kelsie James, Thomas Snell and Ryan Kiely. Sidney Hayden won first place and Katie Forbes won second. Many varied and interesting topics were presented within the three to five minutes

allowed for each speech. The two winners went on to speak in the region competition in Port Carling February 25 where 16 students competed. The local school competition is jointly sponsored by the Dorset and Dwight Lions Clubs. Both clubs have also donated funds to Irwin Memorial School in support of another initiative called Battle of the Books Contest. School principal Larry Cory was very pleased with the response and support from both clubs in these contests which are of significant benefit to the students and their development.

The Lake of Bays Anglican Parish welcomes their new incumbent, Reverend Heather, who will be leading services starting Sunday, March 11 at 11:30 a.m. at St. Mary's in Dorset. All are welcome to attend and meet the new priest.

On the evening of March 9, 7 p.m., at Knox United Church, Elizabeth and Brad Johnson will be offering a presentation on their recent trip to Iran. Everyone is invited to attend and experience a first-hand account of modern-day life in Iran from a non-military perspective.

The next Dorset Family Movie Night takes place at the Dorset recreation centre

on Friday, March 17 starting at 7 p.m. Admission is by donation and the popcorn is free. Hope to see you there.

There will be a Dorset Community Policing Meeting on Tuesday, March 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Dorset recreation centre. All are welcome.

The Lake of Bays Anglican parish will be having a parish combined service in Dorset on Sunday, March 26 at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome.

Registrations are now being accepted for the Ukrainian Easter Egg Workshop being held at the Dorset recreation centre on Saturday, April 1 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Everything is provided and the cost is \$5 per person. Join Ginger Kulas for a fun day learning how to make a traditional Ukrainian egg.

Ginger has been teaching in schools and providing workshops for several years using traditional methods with bees wax, dyes and candles. Ginger will be demonstrating a beginner egg for first timers and an intermediate egg for those who have already participated in one of her workshops. Space is limited so registration is required. Don't be disappointed. Register by calling the recreation centre

at 705-766-9968.

Have you ever wondered how the Haliburton County Public Library is funded? The majority of the funding comes from the County of Haliburton, with the Ontario Ministry of Culture making up the rest. While the County Library Board has responsibility for the levels of service, staffing, acquisition of new materials and collection development, municipalities are responsible for local buildings and equipment. Local service clubs and community donations are gratefully accepted. Over the years, library usage has continued to grow at a steady rate and confirms the high priority the community as a whole places upon library services. Visit your branch this week to see this for yourself.

Birthday wishes for the week of March 5 to 11 go out to Dustin Clark, Lorraine Cyopick, Mel Bartman, Annette Schumacher and Trudy Frecker. Celebrate and have fun on your special day.

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please email me at melalfano@hotmail.com or give me a call at 705-766-0076.

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Birthday greetings

SURPRISE 40TH BIRTHDAY PARTY!
for Jamie Sutcliffe at
The Minden Community Centre
Room 1 at 7:30 p.m. on March 11th.
All Friends Welcome.

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Thank You Cards

A heart felt thank you to our many friends in the community. We were overwhelmed by the concern and support expressed in cards, words of encouragement and phone calls during hospital stay. It's so good to be home again. The best things in life are not things, but people like you. THANK YOU.
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HOYLE, Mildred (nee Kernohan)

Passed away peacefully at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden on Wednesday, February 22, 2006. In her 95th year. Beloved wife of the late Thomas. Dear mother of Sylvia (Ken Smith) of Haliburton, Sharon (Paul Sisson) of Bracebridge, Carol (Ron Johns) of Cobourg. Loving grandmother of Angela (Steve), Janet, Randy, Ryan, Elaine, Annette (Bill), Kim, Robert, and great grandmother of Jesse and Justin Zahn and Tayler, and Maggie Nelson. Dear sister of the late John, Bertha, Angus, Andy, and Lucy. Fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Friends were invited to visit the Gordon A Monk Funeral Home Ltd., Minden (or on line at www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com) on Friday February 24th from 2-4 and 7-9pm. Funeral Service was held in the chapel on Saturday February 25th, 2006 at 1pm. Spring Interment at Celert Cemetery. Memorial donations to the Haliburton Health Services Foundation (H.H.H.S.F.) or to the Hyland Crest Residents Council would be appreciated by the family.

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MacINTOSH, Carl "Harvey"

Passed away peacefully at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden on Thursday, February 23, 2006, in his 84th year. Beloved husband of Blanche MacIntosh (nee Simpson). Dear father of Anne (Mark) Walker, Bob (Juanita), Keith (Sharon), Justin, Travis, Jason, Angela, Ryan, Jeffrey, Steve, Amy, Stacey (Dave), McCarthey, Shane (Kristen), Kevin, Sherri and great grandpa to Shawn. Predeceased by his parents Carlos and Alma MacIntosh, by his sister Lillian (Charles) Burton and by his grandson Derek Walker. Survived by his sister Lorraine (Leonard) O'Brien, by first cousin Florence (Walter) Clements and by his nephews Ron (Linda) Burton, Ted (Muriel) Burton, and Ken (Sharon) O'Brien. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main Street., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 (or online at www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com) on Saturday, February 25, 2006 from 6:00 until 9:00pm and on Sunday, February 26, 2006 from 2:00pm until the time of the Funeral Service at 3:00pm. Spring Interment Minden Cemetery. Masonic Service was held on Saturday evening at 6:30pm. Memorial donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (H.H.H.S.F.) or to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

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Obituaries

Mackenzie, Keith Andrew - Passed away as a result of an accident in Wanaka, New Zealand on Sunday, March 5, 2006 in his 30th year. Dearly beloved son of Ron and Carol Mackenzie of Minden and dear brother of Ian of Ottawa. Loved grandson of Andrew and Alison Mackenzie of Kemptonville, Ontario and of Doris Moore of Minden. Keith will be sadly missed by extended family and friends. A celebration of life Memorial Service will be held at the Gordon A Monk funeral Home LTD., 127 Main st., P.O. Box 427, Minden Ontario K0M 2K0 (or on line at WWW.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com) on Friday, March 10, 2006 at 2:00 p.m.. The family will receive friends at the Funeral Home from 1:00 p.m. until 2 p.m.. Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (H.H.H.S.F.) or to the Charity of your choice. "Keith lived passionately and left pursuing his dreams."

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Card of thanks

The Family of - The late Doug Carpenter would like to thank their family, friends and neighbors for their prayers, cards, food, flowers, donations and calls while Doug was sick and at the time of his death. Thanks to the staff of the Minden Medical centre and the staff at the Haliburton Hospital. A special thanks to the staff of the Gordon Monk Funeral Home for the compassion for us at this difficult time. Thanks everyone Barbara and family.

100879817

In memoriam

Graham, Donald
In loving memory of a dear husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather, who passed away March 13, 2003.
As time unfolds another year, memories keep you ever near.
Silent thoughts of time together, hold memories that will last forever.
Dorothy and Family.

10082109

REDNER, BRADLEY MILES - In loving memory of a dear husband, father, and grandpa who passed away suddenly in his 54th year, February 28th, 2005. Tenderly we treasure the past, with memories that will always last. No longer in our lives to share, but in our hearts you're always there. Lovingly remembered by Carolyn, Mike, Jason, and Rebecca.

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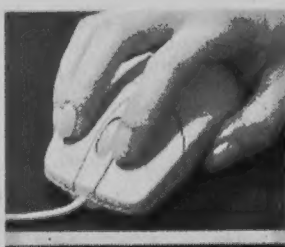
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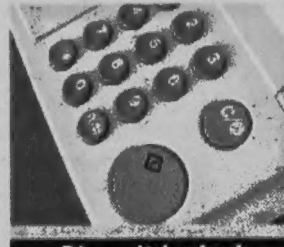
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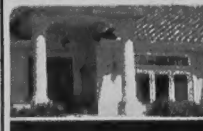
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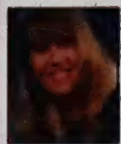
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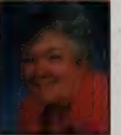


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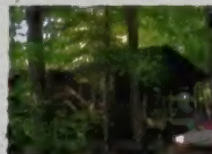
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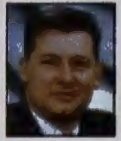


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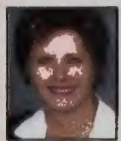


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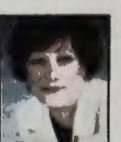


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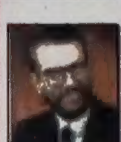
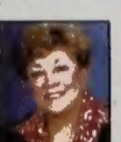


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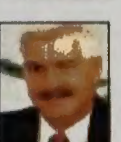


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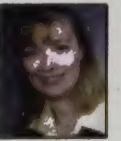


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